to communicate with all ACCs and ATS units to be provided. (vi) IP based telephone service accessible to controllers at all ACCs for coding into the IMARSAT GES ATS abbreviated dialling service for aircrew emergency contact should be provided. (vii) Upgradation of domestic communication connectivity through ATN. (viii) VOR/DME at all operational airports should be provided. (ix) Implementation of GAGAN to be expedited by ISRO and AAI. (x) Independent Terminal Area Radars (TAR i.e. Primary) at all approach control units where traffic density has reached 50 or more per day should be provided. (xi) All radars should be networked to ensure entire continental airspace is covered under radar surveillance.

(xii) Dynamic consolidation and deconsolidation of sectors should be facilitated with supporting communication capabilities. (xiii) A feasibility study may be carried out whether a system similar to FAA oceanic system can be provided in oceanic airspace of India.

Recommendations relating to Long Term Plan

(i) Navigation in Indian airspace using SARPs of RNP should be planned. Similarly plans of Communication should be based on SARPs of RCP. (ii) Updation of upcoming technologies by AAI and preparation of transition plans to merge with ICAO Global CNS/ ATM plans. (iii) To consider implementation of ADS-B and multilateration in combination to cover the entire Indian airspace as backup of radars. (iv) Future architecture (SWIM) should be kept in view while preparing long term plans by AAI. (v) Ground part of ATM to integrate effectively with the aircraft equipped with new technology CNS systems and ensuring homogenous, continuous and efficient service to the user from pre- flight to post flight should be designed. (vi) ATM plan which would consolidate airspace from four FIRs to two FIRs with 2 ACCs, one at Delhi and the other at Mumbai should be prepared. (vii) The present role of AAI of Aerodrome Operator and ANC providers needs to be modify to bring the required focus and importance to this critical area. (viii) Pending any final decision, the process of bringing about necessary organisational changes in AAI be taken up. As a first step, independent directorates for (a) Airspace Management & Procedures and (b) ATM Strategic Planning & System Development with adequate manpower should be established. The organogram of the AAI should also be suitably modified to bring about unity of control and responsibility in all work related to provision of ANS including planning, acquisition of technology and equipment and O & M aspects.

(c) and (d) The main factors responsible for delay in flights are as under: (i) Schedules of airlines get disrupted due to bad weather and poor visibility; (ii) Once a flight gets delayed, it has its cumulative effect on subsequent flights, as the same aircraft operates on many sectors. It takes time to normalize the flights after such delays; (iii) Unprecedented growth of air traffic has raised new demands/challenges about ground infrastructure, specially at metro airports like Delhi and Mumbai; (iv) Airlines prefer to operate their flights during the prime time leading to bunching of flights; and (v) Technical snags.

Indian tourism offices in foreign countries

*331. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the countries and foreign cities where Indian tourism offices are located;

(b) the details of the expenditure incurred on these offices during the last three years, office-wise;

(c) the strategies adopted by these offices to attract foreign tourists to various Indian States, particularly Himachal Pradesh; and

(d) what schemes Government proposes to formulate to promote medical tourism and adventure tourism through these tourism offices?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) The locations of 14 India Tourism Offices abroad are given below:

1. New York (USA)
2. Los Angeles (USA)
3. Toronto (Canada)
4. London (UK)
5. Frankfurt (Germany)
6. Paris (France)
7. Amsterdam (Holland)
8. Milan (Italy)
9. Dubai (UAE)
10. Johannesburg (South Africa)
11. Sydney (Australia)
12. Singapore (Singapore)
13. Tokyo (Japan)
14. Beijing (China) (Opened on 7th April 2008)

(b) Details of expenditure incurred on these offices, except Beijing, during the last three years is given below:

(Rs. in lakhs)

S.No.	Name of Office	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
1.	New York	266.00	272.00	297.00
2.	Frankfurt	255.70	270.55	322.00
3.	Tokyo	245.00	278.20	290.00
4.	Dubai	104.30	99.25	140.00
5.	Sydney	166.20	179.30	200.50
6.	London	268.00	286.50	312.50
7.	Los Angeles	94.30	106.00	131.50
8.	Toronto	97.80	111.60	98.00
9.	Singapore	90.90	95.50	117.00
10.	Paris	175.00	185.90	218.50
11.	Johannesburg	47.65	54.75	73.50
12.	Amsterdam	111.75	122.05	177.50
13.	Milan	104.40	95.40	112.00
	TOTAL	2027.00	2157.00	2490.00

(c) and (d) Indiatourism offices overseas undertake various promotional activities such as participation in trade and consumer fairs, road shows and exhibitions, advertising in print, electronic, outdoors and interactive media, printing and distribution of brochures and co-laterals in the local languages and joint advertising with travel trade and tour operators in order to promote the diverse tourism attractions of different regions and States of Indian, including Himachal Pradesh. Various tourism products, including medical and adventure tourism, are promoted by Indiatourism offices through these activities.

Identification of farmers for waiving of loans

†*332. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) by when the farmers eligible for waiving of loans will be identified under waiving of loans programme for 2007-08 by the Central Government;

(b) by when the farmers' amount of loans will be deducted after identifying the farmers eligible for waiving of loans; and

(c) by when the farmers will become eligible for taking institutional loans again after waiving of their loans?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) As announced in the Budget Speech, the implementation of the Agricultural Debt Waiver and Relief scheme will be completed by 30.06.2008. After being granted debt waiver or signing an agreement for debt relief under the OTS Scheme, the farmers will become eligible for availing of fresh agricultural loans from the credit institutions in accordance with normal rules.

Constitution of the Competition Commission

*333. SHRI HARISH RAWAT:
SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN:

Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Competition Commission has been fully constituted;

(b) if so, the details of the members alongwith their academic and professional background;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the mandate of the Competition Commission overlaps with the terms of reference of various Sector-specific independent regulators;

(e) what steps have been taken to avoid such overlapping of mandates; and

(f) the details of linkage between the independent regulators and the Competition Commission?

THE MINISTER OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS (SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.